Weekly Happenings
Newsletter

Spring 2022

Quote of the week:
“Schooling is what happens inside the walls of the school, some of which is educational. Education happens everywhere, and it happens from the moment a child is born--and some people say before--until a person dies.”
— Sara Lawrence Lightfoot

Last Call on Topic Feedback for the Pitt-CIRTL Summer Learning Community
Want to learn more about teaching, advising, or mentoring? Sign up to receive information about and vote on the 2022 Pitt-CIRTL Summer Learning Community’s topic! Pitt-CIRTL Summer LC’s meet weekly for 8-10 weeks over the summer and include instruction on a variety of topics. These meetings will be held on Zoom, so feel free to share with colleagues outside of the University of Pittsburgh or outside of the Pittsburgh area.
Check https://www.cirtl.net/ for updates.

Disrupting Bullying in Graduate School: Strategies and Interventions

Learn anti-bullying strategies and interventions to help promote safe learning spaces in this two-part workshop. Once considered child’s play, behaviors of academic bullying have emerged as hotbeds of conflict and hostility that often isolate, marginalize, and demean the target. While anyone can be a target of bully in academia, research revealed that graduate students are more susceptible because of their academic status. The physical and psychological consequences of academic bullying have the ability to obstruct learning engagement, exclude, discriminate, belittle, undermine professional development, and decrease work performance. This workshop will discuss graduate students’ lived experiences of bullying in the institutional culture. In an effort to move the needle forward, anti-bullying strategies and interventions will be presented to help promote safe learning spaces and social change within the academic structure.

- 1:00 – 2:30 PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2022

CIRTL Network Teaching-as-Research Presentations

3:00 - 4:30 PM, Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Hear graduate students and postdocs from across the CIRTL Network share the results of their Teaching-as-Research (TAR) projects in this online presentation session. TAR projects investigate questions about teaching and learning, including assessing the effectiveness of specific learning activities and tools, examining the learning process about a specific topic, or characterizing the student experience in the classroom.

Check http://dbserc.pitt.edu/ for updates.

Monday Lunch Discussion

12:00 – 1:00 PM, Monday, April 11, 2022

The next dB-SERC lunch discussion will take place Monday, April 11th from 12 – 1 pm. The discussion will be virtual, so please sign up using the link below to receive the Zoom link. During this dB-SERC lunch discussion, Dr. Chandralekha Singh, Yangqiating Li, Sonja Cwik and Ly Malespina from the Physics Department will discuss issues related to equity and inclusion in science courses.
Defining Abuse in LGBTQ+ Relationships: A Workshop with the Women’s Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
12:30 - 1:45 PM, Monday, April 11, 2022
Join Leo Bake, Educator for the Women’s Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, for an important conversation about abuse in LGBTQ+ relationships. This workshop will provide participants with an overview of terms, resources and time for Q&A.

Creative Healing: Using Creative Expression to Stand with Survivors and Raise Awareness for Campus Sexual Violence (no reservation needed)
12:00 - 4:00 PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2022
William Pitt Union Ballroom
Join the Sexual Assault Awareness Month committee and the Center4Creativity for a creative expression event. Creative Healing will feature multiple stations that will allow students to create unique pieces of art that promote healing, awareness building and resiliency. All Pitt community members are welcome to stop by and create at this event.

Here to Help: A Resource Fair (no reservation needed)
12:00 - 4:00 PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2022
William Pitt Union Lawn (near Bigelow Blvd.)
The Sexual Assault Awareness Month committee is hosting a resource fair aimed at highlighting resources available to community members who have been impacted by sexual misconduct. Participants can talk with representatives from organizations like Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR), learn more about how they can get involved in related student organizations or grab self-care items. This event is open to all Pitt community members.
SETPoint Empowerment Based Self-Defense
5:30 - 8:00 PM, Tuesday, April 12, 2022
630 William Pitt Union
Self defense takes many forms, from learning to pick up clues in your environment, to setting healthy boundaries, to practicing effective physical resistance skills. Join SETpoint coaches for this high-energy, gender inclusive session where we'll consider and practice common sense and practical ways to keep yourself and others safe. You'll leave feeling strong, energized, and empowered!
   SETpoint sessions are inclusive, trauma-informed, and survivor-centered. Space is limited, advance registration is encouraged. Students who do not register in advance are still welcome to stop by the beginning of the session to see if there is space available.

Supporting Survivors of Sexual Trauma: A Workshop with PAAR
9:30 - 11:30 AM, Thursday, April 14, 2022
The workshop will discuss the effects of trauma, how to respond to disclosures of sexual violence, how to provide ongoing support and Pittsburgh specific resources. This workshop is facilitated with Pittsburgh Action Against Rape.

Moving Research into Practice: Inclusive Prevention Strategies
2:00 - 3:15 PM, Monday, April 18, 2022
Investigators from the University of Pittsburgh are coming together to discuss current research and preventative methods that are being developed at Pitt. While focusing on current innovative research, this panel discussion will connect these methods to current implementation at Pitt and beyond. Moderated by Dr. Elizabeth Miller, this panel will include Dr. Rachel Gartner, Dr. Lynissa Stokes, and Dr. Ashley Hill as panelists who are all currently conducting research on inclusive sexual violence prevention strategies.

A Vigil in Honor of Survivors of Sexual Misconduct
5:00 - 6:15 PM, Monday, April 18, 2022
William Pitt Union, Lower Lounge
Join the Pitt community as we honor the survivors on our campus. This event will feature stories of healing, messages of hope and resources available to all Pitt community members impacted by sexual violence. Felecia Savage Friedman will provide an inclusive and trauma informed keynote address.
The Pros and Cons of Collaboration in the Era of Team Science
3:00 - 4:30 PM, Wednesday, April 13, 2022
This session will draw upon the experiences of accomplished investigators to explore the challenges and opportunities associated with research collaboration. Moderated by Doris Rubio, who will provide a brief overview of Team Science, panelists will talk about what precipitated their first collaborations, what advantages and opportunities have resulted from collaborations, what challenges or obstacles have been encountered, and implications of collaboration upon tenure, and they will share advice for those new to collaborations.

Virtual Interviewing: Champion Yourself Through Storytelling
3:30 - 5:00 PM, Tuesday, April 19, 2022
Interviewing is about demonstrating how your background, experience, skills and enthusiasm are aligned with the employer’s needs, and that you have a unique set of talents that can add value and move their agenda forward. To ensure that decision makers understand what exactly you can do for and with the employer, you want to build verbal bridges between you and them. This takes place in the form of stories.

Additional Resources:

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